

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cam mechanism for a lens barrel includes an annular member which is linearly guided along an optical axis, and having a cam follower on an outer peripheral surface; a
5 cam ring having a cam groove on an inner peripheral surface including a photographing section and an accommodation section, the cam follower being engaged in the cam groove; and a biasing device for biasing the annular member forward to normally press the cam follower against a front cam
10 surface in the cam groove. A rear end portion of the cam groove is open at a rear end surface of the cam ring to serve as the accommodation section, and the cam follower is disengageable from the front cam surface in the cam groove against a biasing force of the biasing device when
15 the cam follower is engaged in the accommodation section.